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Order #886/3, 22 August 1947, of SMA Saxony instructed the state government that all filling stations and storage depots of the AG der Kohlenwertstoff-verbände (BV) in Saxony are to be sold for 3,400,000 RM. Minister of Economy Selbmann reported in the twenty-seventh session of the cabinet, 16 September 1947, that the government has agreed to this sale. The state receives the sales price, since the corporation was sequestered by Russian order in June 1947.

Comment: Similar reports have been received from Mecklenburg, Thuringia, and Saxony-Anhalt.

Sale of the Staatliche Porzellanmanufaktur Meissen is being negotiated. Since 1945 all machinery has been removed by the Russians as booty, as well as the complete set of molds (700,000) and the entire pattern collection. The latter contained a sample of every pattern ever produced and was valued at 75-100 million marks. In June the SMA ordered the government to sell the Meissen plant for 1,500,000 RM; this price seemed too low to the government and an inventory is being conducted now in an attempt to justify a higher price. The Russians have set the value of the entire group of buildings of the Meissen plant at one mark.

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